

## CHARTER

### Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve at St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Commission

1. The official designation of the Commission is the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve at St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Commission.

2. The purpose of the Commission is to make recommendations on how all lands and waters within the boundaries of the park can be **jointly** managed by the governments of the United States Virgin Islands and the United States in accordance with Public Law **102-247**; to consult with the Secretary of the Interior on the development of the general management plan required by Section 105 of **Public** Law 102-247; and to provide advice and recommendations to the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, upon request of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands.

3. The Commission shall not meet or take action until a charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of section 9 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The provisions of section 14(b) of FACA, requiring a biennial- rechartering, are inapplicable to this advisory commission.

4. The Commission will report to the Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 75 Spring Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

5. The Regional Director, Southeast Region or in the Regional Director's absence, a Federal employee designated by the Regional Director, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer required under section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

6. Support for the Commission will be provided by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

**7.** The duties **of** the Commission are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph 2 above.

8. The estimated annual operating cost of this Commission is **\$58,000**, which includes the cost of one-half work year of staff support.

9. The Commission will meet on a regular basis or at the call of the Chair,. Meetings shall be held at locations and in such a manner as to ensure adequate public involvement. Notice of meetings and agenda shall be published in the Federal Register and local newspapers having a distribution that generally covers the United States Virgin Islands.

10. The commission may make such bylaws, rules, and regulations as it considers necessary to carry out its functions, and as may be consistent with Federal law.

11. The Commission shall be composed of 10 members as follows:

(1) The Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, or the designee of the Governor;

(2) The Secretary, or the designee of the Secretary;

(3) Four members appointed by the Secretary; and

(4) Four members appointed by the Secretary from a list provided by the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands.

12. The members appointed under paragraphs (3) and (4) shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. A member of the Commission appointed for a definite term may serve after the expiration of the member's term until a successor is appointed. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made and shall be filled within 60 days after the expiration of the term.

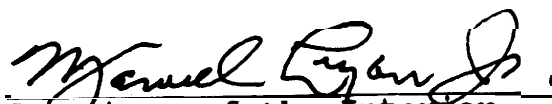
13. The Chair of the Commission shall alternate annually between the Secretary and the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands. All other officers of the Commission shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Commission to serve for terms established by the Commission.

14. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation as such, but the Secretary may pay each member of the Commission travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. Members of the Commission who are full-time officers or employees of the United States or the Virgin Islands Government may not receive additional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of their service on the **Commission**. The Secretary will provide the Commission with a budget and guidelines by which expenditures shall be accounted for.

15. Any member of the Commission appointed by the Secretary who fails to attend three successive meetings of the Commission, or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Commission, may be removed from the Commission by the Secretary, and a replacement named.

16. The Commission will terminate on February 24, 2002 unless the Secretary determines that it is necessary to continue consulting with the **Commission** in carrying out the purposes of Public Law 102-247.

17. The Commission was established by Public Law 102-247, February 24, 1992.

  
Secretary of the Interior

Date Signed: JUN 19 1992

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